

Nightingale Home and Hospital Service

Lawnswood

Campus



Nightingale

Newsletter Christmas 2023

Dear Nightingale Parents, Carers and Young People,

The Christmas holidays are finally upon us and after a very busy term I think we are all ready for it, particularly after the hard work that staff and students have put in to hold very successful Christmas Fayre's.

We have enjoyed welcoming new faces during this term with over 30 young people joining us. We have seen successful transition taking place over the last few weeks with lots of our young people aware and comfortable with our nurturing environment. With the support of all of the staff they have been able to follow routines and expectations within our settings. I know that everyone will continue to display the sense of belonging that we provide for all of the young people that attend the Nightingale provision.

This term also saw the hard work of a large number of our students, particularly in Yr 10 and 11 gaining some very pleasing functional skills results in both Maths and English and entries will continue early next year during the first half of the Spring term.

An exciting term ahead as we see lots of collaboration taking place in regards to our curriculum offer. We continue to review and make necessary changes in order to provide a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum to meet the needs of all of the students we serve. Your views, and more importantly your child's views will be extremely valuable in order for this to be a real success in preparation for September 2024. Questionnaires will be sent out and coffee mornings, for those who will be able to join us will be held with parents and students early in the new year.

Lastly, I would like to extend my thanks to all of the staff that work hard on a daily basis to provide the support and care to all of the students that access our settings. All that remains to say is that I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a restful break.



We welcome all of our students back on Monday 8th January.
Take care everyone and all the very best for 2024!

Miss L Watson
Head of The Orchard Centre and
The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service.

Turn to the back page for dates for your diary and term dates.

English Awards:

Chloe Johnson

K'ailyn Simcox

Eva Abley

Art Awards:

Grace Lawrence

Heidi Booth Jess Dudley

Dimpal Baboo

Crochet Awards:

Heidi Booth

LJ Clare Timi Macauley

Layla Hilton

Craft Projects:

Angel-Grace Grant-Davis

Kaira Grant Tyler Grant

Krystle Thomas

PSHE:

Tyler Gavin

TTRS

LJ Clare

TTRS Runners up:

Tyler Gavin

Teachers' Special Awards:

Amelia Calvin Holly Evans

Millie Wellsbury

Timi Macauley

Alexa Burton

Lola Hardwick

Ayla Foster Zoe Skitt

James Fox-Sipos

Summer O'Cuilleain

Jacob Menagatos

Tyler Crosbie

Joseph Biddulph

Maths Awards:

Maddy Joseph

Mya Hill Jess Rogers

Aimee Turnbull

Dan Perks Chloe Ketley

Megan Preston

Alicja Jablonska

Brendon Nemeth

Sam Langhorn

Coby Cottam



Spring Term Awards

Achievement Points

Autumn Term 2023

Gold: Jack Furgusson

Silver: K'ailyn Simcox

Bronze: Chloe Johnson



Attendance Awards:

Autumn Term 2023:

James Fox-Sipos

LJ Clare

Jack Furgusson



Student of the Term:

James Fox-Sipos

Online Learner of the Term:

Alicja Jablonska

Newcomer of the Term:

Alisha Summan

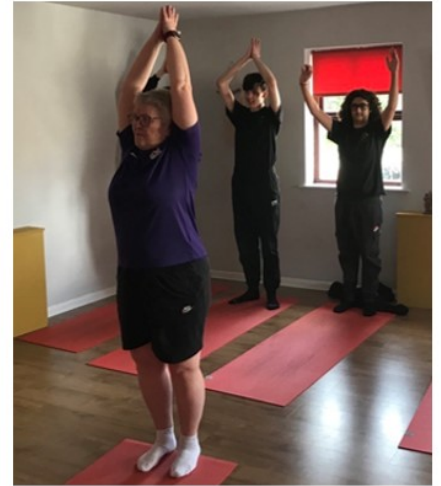
Summer Fayre



Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Summer Fayre and our end of term Award Ceremony back in July—it already seems so long ago!



Reflection Time



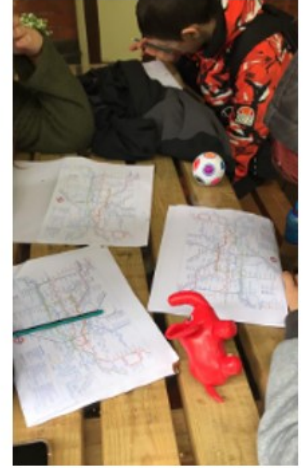
Each morning, our onsite groups get-together for a short Reflection Time to start our day. We discuss timetables, upcoming events, offsite visit arrangements and current affairs. There are a range of different activities planned every week, including quizzes, DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and occasionally visiting speakers. This term, we have also introduced some new sessions, for example, yoga, meditation, maths revision (Y11s) and singing. There's a whisper that Zumba might be available in the spring term, too!! Watch this space.

Duke of Edinburgh



Students have enjoyed a fantastic start to their DofE. They have experienced teamwork and trust games relying on a partner to guide them, den building at Himley and walking the Railway Walk.





We have been so pleased with the level of engagement in the course which has meant students have broadened their horizons, discovered new interests, and had fun with their friends. Through a variety of tasks such as den building at Cannock Chase and Himley, and volunteering for the Christmas Fayre, it has been a joy to see students develop problem-solving skills, teamwork, and self-motivation.

We are excited to be supporting students with their expedition next year where they will be learning more about these basic principles, equipment, and skills.

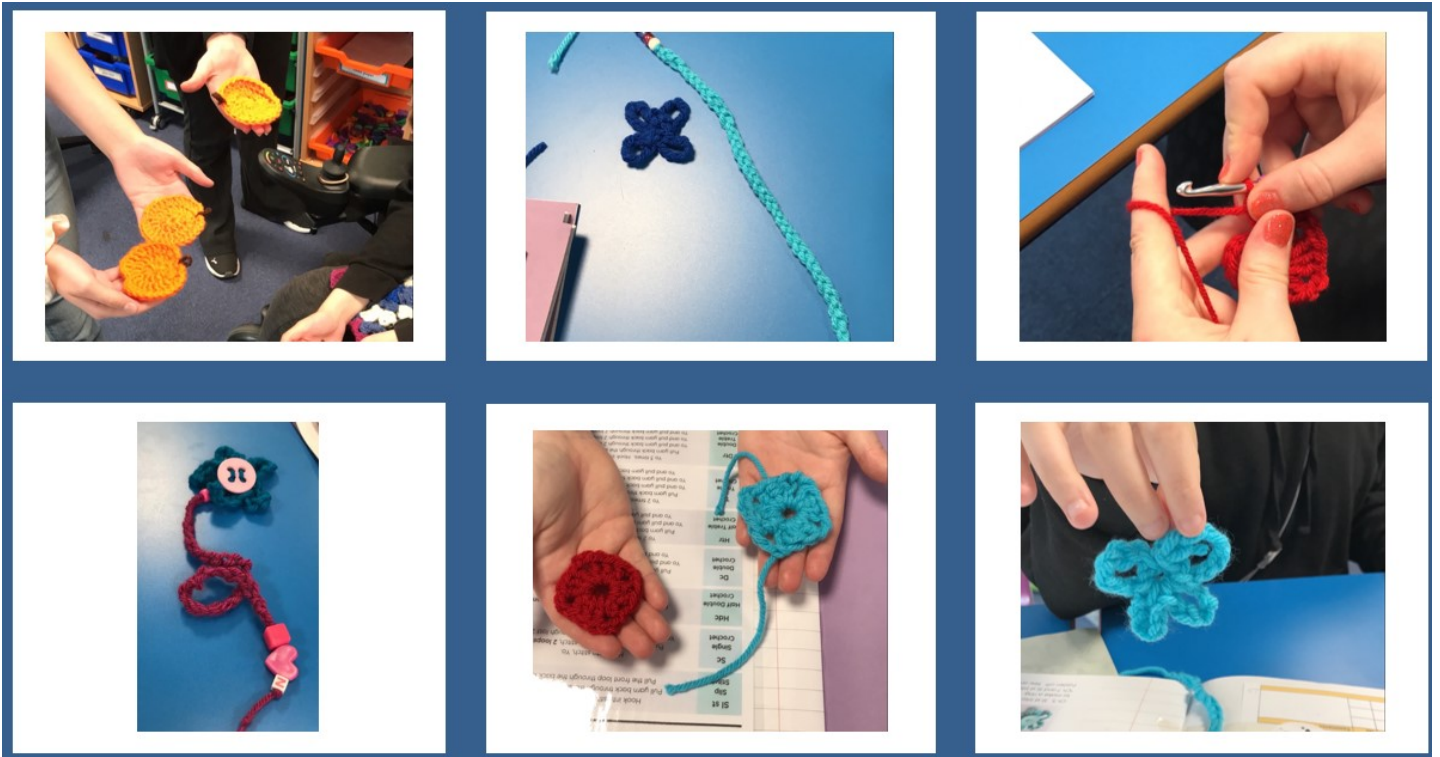




Crochet

This term, many of our young people have chosen to learn the popular skills of crochet with Miss Durrant & Miss Haytree.





& Creative Projects



Animal Care



This term in Animal Care, students had been really enthusiastic about the farm. They have been working independently with the animals to complete 2 units of their course work. They have been cleaning and feeding rabbits, Guinea pigs, goats, sheep, chinchillas, rats, hamsters, mice, alpacas, ducks and chickens. In their final session of the year we walked the alpacas.

In January we will be collecting all our evidence for our folders.

Food Technology



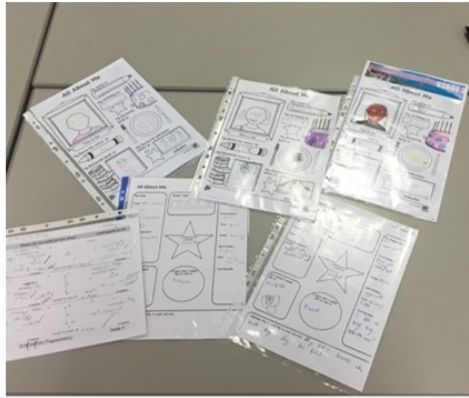


This term in Food Technology, we have covered the safety of being in a kitchen and completed AQA awards to show we are hygienic and safe to work with Knives, food and kitchenware. We have covered fondant crafting in preparation for Christmas, we have created pizzas including making the dough, cupcake and cupcake decoration. Made brownies for both Halloween and Christmas. We have also cooked cheese and potato pie, baked jam tarts and mince pies. Each bake has required different skills and concentration for which the young people should be very proud of themselves for completing maturely. We are very proud of our young people for their consistent approach to food preparation this last term.

Next term there are more AQA awards to be studied as we move into meal planning and preparation including some of the old favourites such as bolognese, stir fry's and shepherds pie...



Hospital School Room



It has been a very busy term in the Hospital Schoolroom. This term our focus has been 'Around the World' and we have explored a variety of different countries and cultures. Students have produced some amazing Australian dot work using a variety of vibrant colours. Students enjoyed participating in spooky activities for Halloween including some funky pumpkin origami. During the Christmas period students have made a variety of amazing Christmas cards that were judged by Ward Matrons Clare Acton and Sarah Lewis from New Cross Hospital. Well done to Margaret who won first place!





Christmas Fayre & Fundraising





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Dates for your diary:

School Term Dates for Spring and Summer Term 2024

Spring Term 2024

Term Time: Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

Half term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Term Time: Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 22 March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term Time: Monday 8 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Half term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term Time: Monday 3 June 2024 to Monday 22 July 2024

Training dates when school will be closed to students:

Monday 5th February 2024

